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Highest temperature yesterday.....
Lowest temperature yesterday.....
Mean temperature yesterday.....
Normal temperature for December...
Departure from normal temperature.
Precipitation during past 24 hours...

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Richmond.

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A young bride passes away, making the bird death in one house, white another a seilopsity illi—W. H. Brauer and I'att. McDonnell acquitted in Henrico county—House passes the bill, providing for a tate building at St. Louis—The alectenburg, at this cell, to be sold—that ling chase of the Deep Run Hunt Clib—I'o-mdrrow the last day on which capitations to the Stuart Monument fund—Wonderful sleight-of-laund men at Comprove the Buart Monument fund—wonderful sleight-of-laund men at Comprove the Buart Monument fund—wonderful sleight-of-laund men at Comprove and Clip and Comprove the Buart Monument fund—wonderful sleight-of-laund men at Comprove the Buart Monument fund—wonderful sleight-of-laund men at Comprove the Buart of Comprove the Buart of the Clip of the Comprove the Buart of Comprove the Buart of Wheelstein of Comprove the Buart of Wheelstein of the Clip of the Comprove the Buart of the Clip of the Comprove the Clip of the Comprove Health of the

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General.

Panama to hold an election to form a permanent government—General Reves chosen President of Colomba—United States troops likely to move on Panama at any time—Congress may be forced to pay a bill brought by Bighop A. Van de Vyver—A decrease in exports shown—Woman asks for lifty thousand from Rus, sell sige, because of her husbands death—Republican National Convention to meet June 21st in Chicago—Congress likely to adjourn about June 1st—Steel slock supported in the market, but the Richard of the supported in the market, but the Richard of the supported in the market, but the Richard of the supported in the market, but the Richard of the supported in the market, but the Richard of the supported in the market, but the Richard of the supported in the market but the Richard of the supported in the market but the Richard of the supported in the market but the Richard of the supported in the support supported in the support

DESPERATE CRACKSMEN.

Blow Open a Safe and Hold Up

Citizens.

(By Associated Press.)
CAMDEN, N. J., December 12.-A des-CAMDEN, N. J., December 12.—A desperate gang of cracksmen appeared in Pavoinia, a suburb, last midnight, and after nearly wrecking the Pennsylvania Rallroad station at that place with dynamite used in blowing open the safe, made good their escape, securing little booty for their trouble.

Before robbing the station, the burglars, five in number, held up Oscar Till and Jacob Eppler, tenders of the State drawbridge over Cooper's Creek, and shot at Ralph Pines, a telegraph operator in the signal tower, a short distance from the station.

After the robbery the bandits held up

KIDNAPPERS' **CAVE READY** FOR VICTIM

A Remarkable Discovery Near Winston. N. C.

FOUND BY BOYS **HUNTING RABBITS**

Room Dug Out of the Earth, Sheathed With Sheet Iron and Provisioned.

A STAKE WITH IRON RING IN THE MIDDLE STEAMSHIP MEN

The Cave Was Evidently Made by Men for the Purpose of Capturing Some One and Holding Him for Ransom.

The Police Destroy the Cave.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.-Mr J. D. Spencer, of Danville, Va., in the course of a conversation with The Timesor the remains of a prehistoric civilizakidnappers, apparently, and not only had hearts in them, but that they could have hardly been new to such business.

or the bodies of wrecked schooner at must of Cape Fear, found; hole cut in wreck, and cabin was emply—Danville telegraph operator struck by engine, at General

Gener the cave was very recent. The earth taken from the excavation had been car-ried a little distance away and covered

MAY MOVE TROOPS AT ANY MOMENT

United States Soldiers Likely to Have to go to Panama Very Shortly.

(Special to The Almes-Dispatch)
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTOW, Dec. 12.—The coming

of General Bell to Washington from Leavenworth, Kansas, while it has more or less to do with matters connected with the general staff college, is admitted to-night by officers of the general staff to be for the purpose of consulting with the officials regarding a probable cam aign against Colomola, should that coun-

paign against Colombia, should that country continue the movement of troops toward the Istimus.

It was initimated that matters had reached the point where troops might be moved at any time, which would seem to indicate that the Department is in possession of information, the tenor of which justifies actual preparations for the movement of United States troops toward Panama. Although the fact would not be disclosed, the presumption is that in the event of troops being sent, General Bell will be put in command.

One Dead; Other Will Die.

Baiph Pines, a telegraph operator in the signal tower, a short distance from the signal tower, a short distance from the station.

After the robbery the band'ts held up the crew of a drill engine who were making up a freight train, and at the points or their revolvers compelled Edward Application and Henry Smith, the engineer and proceeding the short of the trouble is supplied and Henry Smith, the engineer and the short of the short of the trouble is supplied and the venture.

up. It was quite fresh.

The lads, as may be imagined, were greatly excited, and hastened home to report their find. The police were notified, and several officers went out to the scene of the discovery. These representatives of the law and others who came to the cave, tore out all the fupitishings, and carried off the books and the provisions. It is greatly regretted that the police did not allow the strangements of the kidnappers to remain intact, and by watching the cave capture the criminals.

A RICH MAN'S DANGER.

It is the theory of those who saw the excenvation and the arrangements in the cave, that it was the intention of the men who made it to capture some person and hold him a prisoner in the cave until a ransom was paid. One of the wealthiest men in North Carolina lives near the spot where the cave was made and it was his habit to ride into town every morning and back home in the evening, often atter nightfail. It is the belief of many that the men who made the excavation and fitted it up so carefully had it in mind to capture him some night when he was on his way, home, and then carry him to the cave where he would be held until his family put up the money tenanded for his release.

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lease.

So great was the interest in the discovery among the people of the town that three thousand persons from Winston visited the place in one day.

THREATEN TO MOVE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Steamship men. ssert that the refusal of the Secretary NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Steamship men assert that the refusal of the Secretary of War to permit the extension of steamship plers 200 feet further out into the Hudson River may result in the large liners seeking a new port, as the present facilities here are entirely inadequate. The transatiantic liners have increased in tonnage and length until at present they are of a size taxing the capacity of the largest plers along the city's water front. If the large steamship liners hold to their announced intention of constructing vessels \$60 feet long, they will of necessity be compelled to abandon New York as a port of entry. The only alternative is for the steamship companies to keep down the dimensions of future ships to the 700 foot limit already reached: Emil Boas, genoral manager of the Hamburg-American Line, spoke seriously to-day of the possibility of his company going to Boston for docking facilities. for docking facilities.

OF LORD ABINGER

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Lord Abinger died in a hospital here to-day, as the result of injuries sustained in falling down the

stairs of a restaurant.
Friends of Lord Abinger's family, who
have made a thorough investigation, are
convinced that his lordship's death was due to heart failure, resulting from his fall, and the fact that the French al thorities are not making an investigation relieves the case of any features of sus-picion.

A LYNCHBURG MAN'S LEGS ARE BLOWN OFF

(Special to The Times-Dispatch)
HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Dec. 12.—F.
A. Johnson, of Lynchburg, Va. a forenan on the Norfolk and Western Rail-A. Johnson, of Lynchburg, Va. a fore-man on the Norfolk and Western Rail-read at Kenova, was thawing out dyna-mite to-day, when a stick exploded, wrecking the camp. Johnson had both legs blown off; John Black (colored) had his body blown to places, some parts of it landing in a free fifty yards away. Others weer injured, but not fatally.

TEN MEN KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION

(By Associated Press.)

MANILA, Dec. 12.—Three Americans and seven natives were killed yesterday by a blast of forty-six tons of dynamite in a quarry of the Atlantic and Pacific Company, at Marvelea, near the entrance to Manila Bay. Among those killed were Jos. Law and Thos. Strader, engineer.

REPORTED MINE EXPLOSION WITH MANY KILLED

(By Associated Press.)
BUTTE, MONTANA, Dec. 12.—A report just received from the Pennsylvania mine located in this city, says an explosion in a cava has killed from eleven to twenty-two men.

Confer on Panama.

(By Associated Press.)

LEAVENSWORTH, KAN, Dec. 12.—
Ceneral J. Franklin Bell, commander of Fort Leavensworth, has received a message calling him to Washington. He started east to-day. Some of the local officers profess to believe that General Bell is to be called into conference over Isthmus of Panama matters.

THE DEATH OF JOHN R. PROCTOR

End of the Distinguished Kentuckian Comes in Washington.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 12.-John R. Proctor, of Kentucky, president of the United States Civil Service Commission and an intimate friend of President Roosevelt ded of angina pectoris at the Cosmos Club, in this city, to-day, aged fifty-nine years. During the past few days the President called personally at the club-house and spent considerable time at Mr. Proctor's bedside. When the Presdient returned to the White House Mrs. Roosevelt remained with Mrs. Proc-

Funeral arrangements are deferred. pending the arrival of a son, Lieutenant Andre Morton Proctor, in charge of a torpedo boat now stationed at the Norfolk Navy Tard. Another son, John R. Proctor, Jr., is lieutenant of artillery, United States army.

Mr. Proctor was born and brought up

Mr. Proctor was born and brought up on a farm in Kentucky. He left the University of Pennsylvania to enlist in the Confederate army in 1864, remaining in the service until the close of the war. He returned to Kentucky and pursued scientific studies, becoming State geologist. He was appointed by President Cleveland a member of the Civil Service Commission ten years ago, at the suggestion of Mr. Rosesveit, then a member of the commission, who had met Mr. Proctor during a trip to Kentucky.

ELECTION IS CALLED IN PANAMA

A Perman ent Government is to be Formed.

W. I. BUCHANAN IS U.S. MINISTER

Is Selected by the President on Account of Diplomatic Training.

REAR-ADMIRAL GLASS IS GUARDING PANAMA

Looking Everywhere for the Reported Expeditions From Colombia-Gen. Reyes, Now in Washington, Has Been Selected President of Republic of Colombia.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 12-The Colombian Legation to-night received mander-in-chief of the Colombian army conveying the information that the re-sults of the election for President held throughout Colombia December 8th ahow When seen to-night General Reyes would make no statement beyond saying that he expected to remain in the United States

PERMANENT GOVERNMENT. The State Department has been in for the formation of a permanent gov a dispatch from Consul General Guger,

He has ordered the Mayflower to the mouth of the Atrato River to make a thorough investigation, and, if necessary, a reconnoisance of that region also will be made to definitely ascertain whether there are any Colombian troops in that section.

The Atlanta also has been ordered to natrol the northern coast of the Isthmus

during the crystalization of the relations between the United States and Panama— the services of a trained and experienced diplomatic representative, having special reference to his knowledge of the Latin-American races. By reason of long ser-vice as minister to the Argentine Repub-lic, Mr. Buchanan fills that distinction

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HEAVY SUIT FOR CRUEL TREATMENT

Former First-Class Fireman on the Albany Sues Commander Craig.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 .- In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to-day, Morgan Josephs, formerly a fire man in the United States navy, filed a suit against Commander Joseph Edgar Craig, United States navy, in which he asks damages in the sum of \$25,000, for what he described the "cruel, unwarranted and mulicious treatment" he received at the hands of Commander Craig, who is now at the Norfolk navy-yard.

The declaration of Josephs alleges that he was imprisoned by the instructions of Commander Craig and kept for some time, under confinement; that the imprisonment was unjustified and illegal, and that bodily and mental suffering was the resuit. On these grounds and because of the indignity to which he was subjected and the humiliation, he says he experienced,

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS **BE PRINTED NEXT SUNDAY**

The Times-Dispatch will be the medium through which the children of Richmond, Manchester and vicinity will make their Christmas wants known to Santa Claus. All the letters that have been received and those that come in by Wednesday night, the 16th, will be published next Sunday in the sections of the paper where the Children's Page al ways appears.

Remember, boys and girls, that your letters must be short and plainly written. Write on only one side of the paper and be certain that the letter reaches our office by SANTA CLAUS, Wednesday night.. Address

Care of Times-Dispatch.

A FAMILY WIPED OUT

Again Angel of Death Visits Rev. Dr. Battle Replies to At-Davis Home on Church Hill.

BRIDE A VICTIM OF FEVER

Mrs. Marie W. Bell, Wife of Student of Pharmacy, Third to Die in Few Wecks.

Three times in a week has the angel of death visited the once happy Davies home, No. 2521 East Franklin Street, this city.

The last victim of a terrible disease was Mrs. H. M. Bell, a bride of two or three months, who passed away at 3 o'clock

Mrs. Bell had been ill some weeks. She and her attendant physician, Dr. H. H. Levy, made a brave fight for her life, and sometimes it looked as if they would win. But the sands slowly yan out. The

manhood. She had symptoms of typnoid fever. Mrs. Bell held her own against the rayanges of disease.

In the meantime Mr. W. W. Davies, the head of the house, was attacked by a virnient form of an old malady, with the complication of fever very much like the beginning of typhoid. Last Monday he died.

Then the Third Death.

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Then the Third Death.

Less than a week afterwards the death of Mrs. Bell must be recorded. Some weeks ago Miss Pearl Davies, the second and only remaining daughter of the home, was stricken with typhold, and is now extremely ill. Besides her, only Mrs. W. W. Davies remains. She is well nigh broken down with anxiety and the toll of constant nursing.

Mrs. Bell, before her marriage a short time-ago, was Miss Marie W. Williams, of Warrenton, N. C. She and Mr. Bell deelded to wed before he finished his course in pharmacy in the University Col.

course in pharmacy in the University College of Medicine, and since the session legan they have been boarding with the Davies, though, as far as known the nothing closer than friends of the

EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND PASSES THROUGH TO-DAY

Ex-President Grover Cleveland will be to Georgetown. S. C., Will it was to spending ten days in that vicinity shooting ducks. This is Mr. Clevelands favorite sport, and this is his favorite shooting ground. Some years ago his duck hunting trips were usually followed by important messages or public utterances, so that the public began to associate his ducking trips with important State papers or ringing public messages.

DOCKS DAMAGED BY AN ACCIDENT

Rather Unusual Accident at Pensacola, Entailing Much Damage.

(By Associated Press.) PENSACOLA, FLA., Dec. 12.-An ac oldent which occurred at the Pensacola navy yard, badly-damaged both the naval floating docks stationed at the pince. Workmen were taking out the smaller dock, brought here recently from Havana and repaired at a cost of \$75,000, when the blocks slipped, the small dock falling and crushing through the pontoons and otherwise damaging the big dock.

The accident occurred just as the water was pumped from the big dock, thus placing the weight of the smaller one on the blocks. An effort was then made to pump the water from the small dock, so as to float it, but the pumps and pipes were too badly injured to accomplish this result. cident which occurred at the Pensacola

result.

The steam fire engine and two naval tugs were brought into use and the water pumped out, the smaller dock being toward into the basin. It is estimated that the damage to the big dock will be about \$12.000, while the injury to the smaller one will reach several thousand.

Ordered to Norfolk.

(Re Associated Press, 1 ANNAPOLIS, MD., Dec. 12—The United States monitor Terror and the practice ship Chesapeake have been ordered to the Norfolk navysard to be docked and overhauled. They will leave early next week, the Chesapeake being towed down the bay by the government tug Standards.

HE DEFENDS THE PRESS

tack Made in Carolina Baptist Association.

CREATES QUITE SENSATION

Raleigh Minister Declares the Law Necessary to Repress Abuses-Dr. Battle Answers.

ensation of the Baptist State Convention Massee, of Raleigh, declared that the day of the daily papers must be curtailed. He power and influence over the popular cessary for the government to lay the repress abuses. It was Rev. Mr. Massee repress abuses. It was Rev. Mr. Massee, formerly of Ohlo, who created a sonsa-tion in Raleigh, a few weeks ago, by declaring from his pulpit in the Taber-nacie Baptist Churen that the negroes did not receive proper treatment in the Scotth.

to throttle the press, said Dr. Battle the Baptists of North Carolina would thunder a protest that would shake America to its foundation,

DEPARTMENT CALLED OUT BY A FALSE ALARM

The alarm of fire from box 25 at 12:25 this morning called five or six ongles and several hose carriages and trucks to the corner of Seventh and Canal Streets, anticipating a dangerous fire, it turned out that some one had broken the glass in the box and turned in an alarm without cause. There was no fire, and the firemen disgustedly returned to beadquarters.

NOTHING IS HEARD FROM REV. MAX BLOCK

The Rev. Max Block, the Disciples' minister, who disappeared from his boarding house the first of the week, is still missing, and nothing whatever has been heard of him.

Mrs. Smith, who keeps the Fulton House, where the young man boarded, is fearful that some evil has overtaken him, and is therefore quite anxious concerning his whereabouts.

King Kelley to Manage.

(By Associated Press.)

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Dec. 12.—The directors of the Jacksonville base-balteam have employed George Kelley, better known as King Kelley, as manager of the team for the coming season.

GOOD CITIZENS SHOULD PAY TAX

The Destinies of the City Are Dependent Upon Them.

To-morrow, Monday, December 14th, is the last date on which citizens may qualify themselves for voting. The num-ber who have paid their capitation taxes ber who have paid their capitation taxes up to this time is alarmingly small, so few that it may be possible for a small proportion of the city's population to control and direct its destinies for the next twelve months. No person, except a veteran soldler, may vote for members of the City Council or for Mayor this year who has not paid his State poil or capitation tax. To-morrow is the last opportunity of the last opportunity of the city council or the last opportunity of the city council or the last opportunity of the city council or capitation tax. To-morrow is the last opportunity of the city of

the City Council or for Mayor this year who has not paid his State poil or capitation tax. To-morrow is the last opportunity; the city treasurer's office the place for such payment.

It has been charged that many prominent and influential citizens have in the past neglected to take that interest and to exercise that potent influence in hehalf of clean governmen and wise administration of local affairs that they might and should have taken. If this same class, the conservative element, having so much at states, take no more interest in qualifying themselves to vote than many are said to have taken in the past, they will forfeit whatever influence they might have had to shape the destinies and dictate the policies of the city government.

It is not yet too late. Unless citizens are apathetic and willing to trust the administration of the city to chance in future, they may yet qualify themselves for suffrage and have a voice in the selection of a Mayor and City Council.

Otherwise, they have disfranchised themselves. These officers are to be elacted Tuesday, Juna 1842, 1204.

TO MEET IN CHICAGO JUNE 21ST.

Republicans Will Then Nominate President.

NEARLY ALL FOR THE WINDY CITY

That Place Offered Seventyfive Thousand Dollars and

CONSIDER POLITICAL RIGHTS OF NEGROES

Special Committees Named to Look Into This and Other Subjects, Among Them That of Socialism-Date of Convention Likely to Force Congress to Adjourn.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.-The Republican National Convention will be held in Republican National Committee feaching this conclusion to-day and adjourn-St. Louis were rivals of Chicago tor the convention. Each city was well representeach also had cash offers to make. Pitts burg offered \$100,000; Chicago, \$75,000; and The vote stood 43 for Chicago, 7 for Pittsburg and 1 for St. Louis. The work of the committee was har-monlous throughout.

by many Republican members of the House. Several minor questions were re-

prior to May 21st.

The committee adjourned to meet in Chicago at the call of the chairman, ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS.

The decision of the National Committee to have the Republican Convention meet on June 21st created considerable talk about the Capitol as to the probable date of the adjournment of Congress, and the fact developed that there has already been more or less exchange of views among leaders of the Senate and the House on the question.

The opinion is quite general among them that it will be possible to conclude the work of the session by June 1st. Republican leaders generally feel the advisability of taking up as few questions as possible at this session, and the Republican Senators are trying to secure an agreement with the House to adjourn for Christmas on next Friday. The treaties will not be taken up until after the holiday recess.

MAN MAKES CHAIRS OF TREES HE PLANTED

(Special to T) es. Dispatch 1
WILLIAMSPORT, PA., Dec. 12.—Thomas Smith, a farmer living near Linden, onjoys the distinction of having lived to cut down, saw into wood and build into furniture a large chestnut tree which he planted with his own hands.

In 1845, while working some new ground for his father, on the farm which he now owns, he planted a number of chestnut trees. One of them in particular he kept track of, and a short time ago he cut it down. At the time it measured three and a half feet across the stump, and cut into five hundred feet of fine lumber. One of the rooms in the Smith residence is entirely furnished with it—chairs, tables and a bookcase.

WALTHOUR AND MONROE WON SIX-DAY RACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The six day bleycle race was won by Walthour and Monrae; Leander and Buller second and Floyd, Krebs and Peterson third,

Noted Klu Klux. (By Associated Press.)
AUGUSTA, GA., Dec. 12.—George Conway, a famous secret service man of the Confederacy, and after the war for a short time grand master of the Klu Klus Klan in this section, died here to-day.